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SUBJ: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT: ROLE IN RECONSTRUCTION OF
LEBANON

1. ACTING PRESIDENT OF AUB JAMES COWAN AND DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ELIE SALEM CALLED ON DCM LANE AND ME APRIL 19 TO PRESENT, ON BEHALF OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COPY OF PROPOSAL BEING MADE TO GOL FOR HELP IN PLANNING RECONSTRUCTION OF LEBANON. PROPOSAL, WHICH DRAWN UP BY HELGE HOLST AND DAVID HABIB, IS SHORT AND RATHER GENERAL. IT OFFERS TO BRING TOGETHER TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, INCLUDING PRIVATE AMERICAN COMPANIES AND AUB, WHICH WILL HELP GOL PREPARE OVERALL PLAN FOR ORDERLY RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTRY.

2. PROPOSAL DOES NOT MENTION MONEY, BUT COWAN SAYS ROUGH ESTIMATE OF COST IS \$3 MILLION. PROPOSAL SAYS "THE TEAM PROPOSED FOR THIS WORK IS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON REQUESTS THE SERVICES OF THE TEAM FOR PLANNING AS OUTLINED HEREIN, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN MAKING THE SERVICES OF THE TEAM AVAILABLE." COWAN AND SALEM ARE ALSO IN RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM HOLST SAYING THAT IF GOL WILL REQUEST IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL, "IT WILL
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BE ACTED ON FAVORABLY." THEY UNDERSTAND SENATOR HUMPHREY ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN PROJECT.

3. I TOLD COWAN AND SALEM THAT IT POSSIBLE AID MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PROJECT OF THIS NATURE, BUT WE HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON, NOR DID I KNOW FROM WHAT POCKET MONEY

WOULD COME. THE \$1.5 MILLION REMAINING IN KITTY WAS
COVETED BY A NUMBER OF WOULD-BE USERS. I WOULD ASK
WASHINGTON WHAT IT HAD IN MIND.

4. NOTE: COWAN AND SALEM CAME TO ME BECAUSE THEY
HAD ALREADY GONE TO PRIME MINISTER WITH PROPOSAL.
HE, ALTHOUGH VERY INTERESTED, HAD SUGGESTED THEY FIRST
FIND OUT WHETHER WE REALLY WOULD FINANCE IT.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT DEPARTMENT CAN SHED
ON MATTER. (UNDERSTAND PETE HART ALSO KNOWLEDGEABLE
ABOUT IT.) PARKER

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